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Thank You for another successful year of the 'Coats for the Koots' drive!

This winter, Nelson Committee on Homelessness (NCOH) partnered with Valhalla Pure to offer quality, warm winter jackets and pairs of boots for our neighbours experiencing homelessness. While the distribution of coats and boots looked different this year due to the pandemic, it was nonetheless a big success: over 80 jackets and over 35 pairs of boots donated by the community through Valhalla Pure's 'Coats for the Koots' drive were safely distributed to people in need through NCOH's winter COVID-19 response.

"The cold is always a concern for people's health and wellness," said Andree Patenaude, Program Manager for Nelson's Reaching Home COVID-19 Response. "And since many organizations have had to limit or close their in-person services this winter due to the pandemic, offering a warm pair of boots and winter jacket has been a particularly important part of our winter COVID-19 response for people experiencing homelessness in our community."

This initiative would not have been possible without Valhalla Pure's commitment to finding a creative way to safely run the 'Coats for the Koots' drive this year, and the amazing support from community members donating to the drive. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU! Your contribution goes a long way in helping our neighbours stay warm and safe.



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